

**Lakeland Estates Water Co
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To: Lakeland Estates Water Co. Customers:

As you may have heard, Lakeland Water Co. will be hooking up to the **Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Washington County Rural Water System**. What this will do is:

- Give us water without the Iron we now have
- Give us a lot more constant water pressure
- Give us safer treated water
- Give us a constant and larger water supply (from the City of Blair)
- It will do away with all the wells and associated problems and free us from dependence on electric power

We will have a problem at first with the Iron in the pipes breaking free, which is normal. We will be doing a lot of flushing to remove it as quickly as possible. Call us if you have a persistent problem in your system and we will do more extensive flushing.

We will let you know on your water bill when the switch occurs. It's looking like later this year, hopefully November or December.

Unfortunately, we will be raising our water rates to cover the cost of the project, which will include the construction of over one mile of new water main. We were not going to raise our minimum base charge, but Washington County made that impossible. The Washington County Rural Water System is required to pay a rebate to Washington County for every new connection "hookup fee" on the system. This "hookup fee" is \$345.00 per connection. Instead of requiring each current customer of Lakeland Estates Water Co to pay \$345.00 right now, we have worked with the Washington County Water System to finance the hookup fee and payoff the rebate to Washington County. As a result, the minimum base charge will increase \$2.00, from \$10.00 to \$12.00, which is still lower than the Washington County Rural Water System's base charge of \$25.00. In order to pay for increased operating costs and the cost of construction of the project, water consumption rates will be increased from \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons, which is in line with Washington County Rural Water System consumption rates.

We have been working extremely hard to bring this project to fruition, which will provide you with a higher quality and a more dependable drinking water source.

Sincerely,



Ronald A. Henn, Pres
Lakeland Estates Water Co.